

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Wheat jumped to \$2.18 Thursday in Chicago and \$2.20 in S. Louis.

Mexicans in Chile are said to be mobilizing for "service in Mexico."

During the week ending April 8, seventeen British merchant vessels of more than 1600 tons were sunk. Two vessels of less than 1600 tons were sent down.

Gov. Stanley has signed the Oliver Tax Bill, creating two new offices with fat salaries, and the scramble for the places is already on, one of each party.

Col. Jas. E. Stone, clerk of the Kentucky House or Senate for 25 or more years, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., Thursday, after an illness of two months. He was in the income tax department of the government. He will be buried in Louisville.

A young Texan who took part in the assault and capture of Vimy Ridge Monday, carried an American flag attached to his bayonet. It was the first time the Stars and Stripes had been carried into battle in the world war. The soldier was wounded.

An inventive genius has patented an electric umbrella. It is used in the ordinary way, but if the night is dark a button in the handle of the umbrella is touched and the way will immediately be lighted with tiny incandescent lights. There are lights at the butt, at the top and at the ends.

A great international war council is to be held in the United States in the near future. The State Department has confirmed the reports that English and French commissions, headed by former Premiers Balfour and Viviani, are expected here within ten days for full discussion of the war and America's participation in it.

Assurances that the \$7,000,000,000 war revenue measure will pass the House quickly and that consideration of new taxation plans for raising part of the money will begin immediately, have been given President Wilson. The bill was introduced with a favorable report by Representative Kitchin and its passage is expected today.

The President has issued a proclamation through T. W. Gregory, attorney general of the department of justice, to arrest all alien enemies who have in their possession any firearms, implements of war, ammunition, bombs or explosives, any aircraft or wireless apparatus or any form of signal device. The law interpretation of an alien enemy is any unnaturalized person belonging to an enemy country.

ALL THINGS ARE READY

For the Big Tabernacle Meeting Which Will Start Sunday.

Everything is on the move around the tabernacle, setting things in order for the opening of the big Fife Evangelistic Meetings, which will be launched on Sunday, with services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Roger H. Fife, father of the Fife Brothers, an evangelist of national reputation, arrived this morning, and will open the campaign. The Fife Brothers are in a dry campaign in Havana, Illinois, at this time and the election will be held next Tuesday. They will reach Hopkinsville on Tuesday evening to take charge here. In the meantime it is most fortunate that Rev. Roger H. Fife, the father, and one of the ablest and most successful evangelists in the field, can be here to start the ball to rolling.

A chorus rehearsal will be held this evening at eight o'clock sharp. All singers who expect to take part in the music of the revival are earnestly requested to be present.

AUSTRIA AND BULGARIA WANTS PEACE

MUSIC AND MERE MUSES

Made Up a Program of Fun and Pleasure Thursday Evening.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BENEFIT

Fair Crowd Present Despite the Rain and Wind in In Early Evening.

A hard rain about 7 o'clock made a gloomy outlook for the library benefit Thursday evening, but though the weather was still threatening, a fair crowd attended the Tabernacle performance and spent an "Evening With the Muses." The five members of the Atheneum, who volunteered to "do stunts" were seated in the center of the stage with huge letter placards on the laps of their coats, each wearing his own initial, the letters spelling the word MUSES.

The program opened with a chorus by the 18 musicians rendering the "Lonesome Tunes" of the Kentucky mountains.

Robert Wright sang "The Little Mohee."

Chas. M. Meacham, as the M of the muses, recited a patriotic poem, narrating a terrific encounter between a fighting dog and "the wrong tom cat," in which the dog was put out of business.

Miss Margaret Dalton sang "Barba-Allen." Pettus White followed with "Jack aro," a Knott county ditty.

Thos. C. Underwood was the U of the program and gave a medley of original joyful and jingo jingles, some of them in music rendered by "an own cousin of Ricardo Martin," as he termed himself. Mr. F. H. Kuhn, one of the musicians with the Fife evangelists, then gave a violin selection.

Mrs. L. E. Foster's "Old Maid's Song" made a big hit. John Stites with the first S on his ample breast recited the humorous poem "The Trail of a Cat," which ultimately became a busy but crooked thoroughfare in a great metropolis.

Miss Annie Virginia Trice sweetly sang "The Nightingale." Oscar Wright followed with "The Hangman's Song."

Alfred H. Eckles next appeared in a round of witticisms, humorous passages and threats of something worse, which in the end failed to materialize. He conducted himself with E's and eclat.

Miss Nell Espie's rich voice was next heard in "The Little Sparrow." Guy Starling's solo was "The Lonesome Low."

Ira L. Smith finished for the Muses in a jolly collection of "Samples and Sonnets," presented in his own inimitable way.

The Sextette gave "Sourwood Mountain" so successfully that an encore was called for. The singers were: Pettus White, Walter Trice, L. E. Foster, Robt. Wright, Guy Starling, Oscar Wright.

The last number was "When You and I Were Young, Maggie," sung by Mrs. L. E. Barnes by request. The program closed with the chorus "America," the audience rising.

Miss Mable Moore presided at the piano.

The audience was a highly appreciative one and everybody seemed pleased, at least no one complained of not getting "a quarter's worth."

The funds, about \$50 above expenses, will be used to buy furnishings for the club room of the Public Library.

BIBLE CLASS BANQUET.

Dr. C. M. Thompson's Bible Class of the First Baptist church will have a banquet at Bethel Female college next Monday night with covers laid for ninety. There will be a number of after dinner talks.

PRICES ARE STILL LOWER

But the Rush to Wind Up Tobacco Market Shows No Let-Up.

ALMOST 800,000 POUNDS

Sold On the Hopkinsville Loose Floors Again This Week.

Still showing a decided weakness, the tobacco market had heavy sales again this week, the loose floors handling nearly 800,000 pounds. The highest price for fine leaf was \$14.50 and the week's average dropped perilously close to \$10.

Where all of the tobacco is coming from is a mystery. Some of it is from counties so remote that it must pass entirely through adjoining counties and the wagons make trips of 50 or more miles. The sales are already 3,000,000 pounds in excess of the entire season last year.

LOOSE FLOORS.

Week Ending, April 12, 1917.

Sales for week.....770,615 lbs.

Sales for season.....14,061,755 lbs.

Sales this date, 1916.....11,190,400 lbs.

Average for this week.....\$10.01

Average for this season.....\$10.42

Quotations are as follows:

Trash \$8.75 to \$9.00.

Com Lugs \$9.00 to \$9.25

Med Lugs \$9.25 to \$9.50

Good Lugs \$9.50 to \$9.75

Fine Lugs \$9.75 to \$10.25

Low Leaf \$9.50 to \$10.00

Com Leaf \$10.00 to \$10.50

Medium Leaf \$10.50 to \$11.00

Good Leaf \$11.50 to \$12.50

Fine Leaf, \$12.50 to \$14.50

H. H. ABERNATHY, Secretary.

GOOD LADY PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Cynthia Gilliland Dies Near City at Advanced Age.

Mrs. Cynthia Gilliland died about noon Thursday at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. George P. Pool, on the Buttermilk road, three miles North of the city. She was about 85 years old and the widow of the late Esq. Alex. Gilliland. Some years ago she was stricken with paralysis and her health had since been gradually declining.

Mrs. Gilliland was a member of the Baptist church and a lady held in the highest esteem by everyone who knew her. For several years she was a resident of this city and her many friends here will learn with sincere regret of her demise.

Three children, Millard Gilliland, of Arizona; Mrs. G. Clark Bowles, of Marion, Ky.; and Mrs. George P. Pool, of the county, survive. The interment took place in the family burying ground, near Larkin, yesterday.

Distillery Shuts Down.

The James E. Pepper Distilling Company, Lexington, announces it will not manufacture any whisky during the period of war and shortage of grain, in order to do its part in conserving the grain supply for foodstuffs and stock feeding. The plant has been offered to the Government for use in making alcohol.

Takes Three Days.

The amendment to the New Jersey marriage license law, which has gone into effect, makes it necessary for applicants to wait forty-eight hours before they can obtain it. A further delay of twenty-four hours is necessary before the marriage can take place.

MILITARY ARDOR HIGH

Mayor Stowe Calls Upon Citizens To Display Old Glory.

ENLISTMENTS FOR SERVICE

Company D. Is Awaiting Expectantly A Call To Active Duty.

Up to yesterday Co. D. had not been called to the colors, but everything is in readiness for active service. Capt. H. J. Stites is keeping in close touch with his men and the company was yesterday ordered to be mobilized and await further orders. It is the only company in the Third Regiment now inactive, but it may be that it is being held in reserve for possible State duty, as the state needs a few companies in its own service.

MAYOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The President of the United States, the Hon. Woodrow Wilson, has issued a proclamation in accordance with the resolution of the congress of the United States, that a state of war exists between the United States of America and the imperial German government of Germany, and

WHEREAS, the exigencies of war call for expressions of patriotism on part of every man, woman and child, citizens of the United States of America,

NOW I, R. T. STOWE, as mayor of Hopkinsville, Ky., hereby publicly call upon every citizen and resident of the city of Hopkinsville to give expression to their loyalty to this American government by displaying upon their residences, business houses, manufacturing establishments and within private offices, workshops and places of employment, the American flag.

Given under my hand as Mayor of the city of Hopkinsville, Ky., this the 12th day of April, 1917.

R. T. STOWE, Mayor of Hopkinsville.

To Look After Aliens.

The following instructions have been received by Chief of Police Roper from the Department of Justice at Washington, prohibiting any alien foreigner to have:

"Any firearm, weapon, or implement of war, or component part thereof, ammunition, maxim, or other silencer, bomb or explosive, or material used in the manufacture of explosives; any aircraft or wireless apparatus, or any form of signaling device, or any form of code, or any paper, document, or book written or printed cipher or in which there may be invisible writing."

"Any alien enemy who fails to surrender such articles within twenty-four hours after public notice given by you, will be subject to summary arrest if such articles shall be found in his possession; and the articles will be seized and forfeited to the use of the United States."

Respectfully,
T. W. GREGORY, Attorney General.

Marcus Merritt Applies.

Marcus W. Merritt has filed an application for trainmaster with the Adjutant General of the U. S. Army. The position carries with it the rank of captain. Mr. Merritt is a veteran of the Spanish-American war and saw service in Kentucky. He had nine years' experience in the state guard, seven as a policeman and ten years

BRITISH GAIN 2 MORE TOWNS

Capture Heninel and Wancourt in Spite of Heavy Snow Storm.

CANADIANS KEEP STRIDE

Further Progress in Clearing Enemy From Last Hold on Vimy Ridge.

In spite of rain and snow and a forty mile gale, the British troops fighting in France have again delivered telling blows on the German line southeast of Arras and north on the remaining portion of the Vimy Ridge in the hands of the Germans. The bad weather has extended to the front held by the French, and Thursday saw no activity there except in the nature of reciprocal bombardments.

The latest British gain southeast of Arras captured the villages of Heninel and Wancourt and adjoining defense works and also permitted them in this region to cross the Cojeul river and take the heights on the east bank of the stream. The Canadians kept up their good work on the Vimy Ridge and made additional progress Thursday in clearing it of the enemy.

The Berlin war office admits the capture by the British of Monchy-le-Preux Wednesday, but says attacks north of the village and on Vimy and Fampoux were repulsed with heavy losses. Of Thursday's fighting the German official communication says the British attacks near Souchez and Fampoux failed. It adds that 24 British and French aircraft were lost on the western front during a conflict Wednesday.

Comparative quiet prevails in all the other war theaters. No infantry attacks have been reported, but there has been considerable artillery activity on the Austro-Italian front and in Macedonia between Monastir and the Cerna river.

DELEGATES TO B. Y. P. U.

Misses Berthine Bartley, Sallie May Word and Gladys Monhollen and Samuel Torian are in Bowling Green attending a state meeting of the B. Y. P. U., which convened yesterday for a three days' session. Miss Bartley and Mr. Torian are delegates from the First Baptist church and Misses Word and Monhollen from the second.

in railroad transportation work. At present he is in railroad work with headquarters at Paducah.

Judge Prowse Asks Place

Chas. O. Prowse, at present secretary to the Board of City Commissioners, has applied for a position in the Aeronautical Department of Construction of the United States. Mr. Prowse has constructed no less than seven aeroplanes, two of which made successful flights in this city in 1912, one carrying passengers. He has also had extensive military experience, having been captain of Co. D. He is an attorney and a former Judge of Christian county and a highly capable man in many fields of operation.

Will Fight For America.

It has been said that once a German always a German, but this was disproved most emphatically here in our own city when Paul Stadelman joined Company D., K. N. G. Paul is the son of Nick Stadelman, a prominent butcher, who was formerly a lieutenant in the German army. Paul is only 17 years of age but his father, being loyal to the cause of America, readily gave his consent for his son to fight against his former fatherland.

QUICK RESULTS ARE UNLIKELY

Bulgaria Reported, Especially, Anxious to Consider Basis For Separate Peace.

COUNTRIES' FOOD SHORT

Officials Here Regard Move Merely One Step on Long Road to Negotiations.

Washington, April 13.—Austrian and Bulgarian representatives are endeavoring to approach entente diplomats in Switzerland on the subject of peace.

Press dispatches Thursday reporting Bulgarian efforts in this line developed the fact that it is known here not only that Bulgaria has taken soundings but also that there has been similar action in the name of Austria-Hungary. Whether the two countries were working separately or together is not known nor has any reference been made to the attitude of Germany or Turkey.

Officials here see in the Austrian and Bulgarian action merely an expression of weariness with the war and anxiety to bring it to an end without, however, involving any indications of desperation on their part which would make them propose terms acceptable to the entente. As a result there is every evidence that the informal efforts now being made mark merely a step in the long road that will eventually lead to peace and do not offer hope of real negotiations in the near future.

This opinion is strengthened by the fact that the entente diplomats have not accepted the suggestions made to them for private conversations but they will not go into any such discussion blindly.

The recent public statement of Count Czernin, Austrian minister for foreign affairs, that the central powers still stood ready for conferences, and the widespread comment on it in the press were interpreted here to indicate a growing desire for peace in the central empires. Similar statements by Bulgarian leaders strengthened this viewpoint.

RUSSIAN REVOLUTION FELT

Austria is known to have been deeply affected by war weariness and by the Russian revolution. It is generally felt here that the Central empires have reached the maximum of their military strength and it is believed the upheaval across the border might find a decided echo among Austria's conglomerate and dissatisfied peoples. Food conditions are serious in industrial Austria, and enthusiasm among the people has fallen off alarmingly.

Bulgaria likewise is troubled by food shortage and the Russian revolution. The latter has brought again to the surface the old friendliness for the Russian people and has injected into the question the decision of the Bulgians to fight against their liberation. In a strictly military sense, however, Bulgaria is understood to be stronger than at any time during the war, her losses have been negligible.

RETURNS TO GERMANY.

Walter Stadelman, a German youth who was in and about Hopkinsville two years ago, a relative of the family of that name, some time ago returned to Germany. He had musical talent and spent some months here and later worked with a construction company on a tunnel between Nashville and Birmingham. At that time he was about 18 or 19 years of age.

Building House.

Mrs. Mattie B. Bell has begun work on the erection of a new house on recently purchased lot at 22 W. Seventeenth Street.